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Serial No. 10/693,555	Filing Date October 24, 2003	Examiner Not yet assigned	Group Art Unit 3761
Inventor(s) Jerome S. Veith			
Title of Invention DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT FOR MALES			

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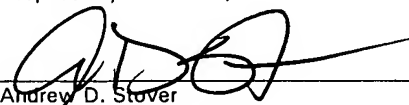
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the relevant listed documents required by 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Pursuant to the waiver

of the rules change effective June 30, 2003, Information Disclosure Statements may be filed without copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published applications for applications filed after June 30, 2003, (see 37 CFR 1.98 (a) (2) (i)). Copies of U.S. patent documents are not required and therefore are not being submitted herewith inasmuch as the captioned application was filed in the USPTO after June 30, 2003.

The references now cited are the following:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

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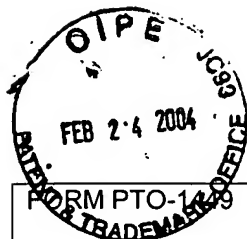
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